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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. However, regional reports on extra large were noted as unchanged to lower; but usually unchanged on large and mediums. Retail demand was light to moderate. Although loose egg movement was noted as fairly good, but usually slower on cartoned supplies. Overall, floor stocks were reported as in fair balance to available. The market tone was unsettled and in a range of steady to barely steady. Breaking stock offerings increased on graded loose for this week's deliveries and were generally adequate to fully adequate for current needs. However, current floor stocks were often being reported as lower in most areas. Light type fowl offerings to processing plants were adequate for a mostly moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were balanced to adequate and included graded loose shell eggs. Demand was fair to fairly good. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

| Prices delivered to warehouse |         |         | IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers |        |        |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
|                               | RANGE   | MOSTLY  |                                   | RANGE  | MOSTLY |
| EXTRA LARGE                   | 114-123 | 117-120 | LARGE                             | 95-104 | 99     |
| LARGE                         | 113-122 | 115-118 | MEDIUM                            | 64-69  | 68     |
| MEDIUM                        | 80-89   | 82-85   | SMALL                             | 45-51  |        |

Prices delivered to store door

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY  |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 121-129 | 122-124 |
| LARGE       | 119-127 | 120-122 |
| MEDIUM      | 86-94   | 87-89   |

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MN, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, eastern NY & western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged to lower on extra large, however large and medium sized eggs were unchanged when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Current supplies ranged adequate to available for trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for a moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were sufficient for normal processing schedules.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY  |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 123-137 | 123-127 |
| LARGE       | 117-131 | 122-126 |
| MEDIUM      | 80-93   | 85-88   |

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was unsettled, with a market tone of steady to barely steady for early week business. Retail and distributive demand was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available. Eastern region breaking stock offerings increased, but floor stocks were lower than a week earlier. Demand was still moderate. Breaking schedules were reported as normal to mostly heavy. Light type hens were adequate for a moderate demand.

|             | RANGE        | MOSTLY  |
|-------------|--------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 121.5-129.25 | 123-126 |
| LARGE       | 120-127      | 121-124 |
| MEDIUM      | 82.5-90      | 83-87   |

Southeast Area: AL, GL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were 2 cents lower for extra large and unchanged for large and medium. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Loose egg movement was light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were balanced to adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

|             | RANGE     | MOSTLY  |
|-------------|-----------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 127.5-136 | 129-132 |
| LARGE       | 121.5-130 | 123-126 |
| MEIDIUM     | 85.5-94   | 87-90   |

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and mediums when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady entering the week. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS,SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS,USDA GRADEA AND GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS,DELIVERED STORE DOOR,CENTS PER DOZEN

|             | RANGE   |
|-------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 131-135 |
| LARGE       | 129-133 |
| MEDIUM      | 92-96   |

**WESTERN** Prices were 2 cents lower for extra large and unchanged on the balance of prices. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. The Pacific inventory was 10% higher than last Monday, with California up 9% and OR-WA-UT increasing 13%. Demand was usually moderate with offerings balanced to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were 2 cents lower for extra large and unchanged on the balance of prices. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. The Pacific inventory was 10% higher than last Monday, with California up 9% and OR-WA-UT increasing 13%. Demand was moderate with offerings balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

|             | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO       | 176   |
| EXTRA LARGE | 168   |
| LARGE       | 158   |
| MEDIIUM     | 123   |

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 28, 2007 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 21, 2007 were 213,097 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

|                                   | <b>CARTONED</b> | <b>LOOSE</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 149,985         | 63,112       | 213,097      |

% change from the prior week... -8 +23 -1  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings balanced to adequate and included graded loose shell eggs. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

|   | <b>RANGE</b> | <b>MOSTLY</b> |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| BREAKING STOCK  | 81-83        | 81-82         |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES  | 66-74        | 66-69         |
| CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI |              |               |

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were unchanged to lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-SEPTEMBER-07

|                       | <b>RANGE</b>   | <b>MAJORITY</b> | <b>WTD AVG</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 7-13 CENTS/LB. |                 | 9.47           |

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate at best for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-SEPTEMBER -07

|                          | <b>RANGE</b>      | <b>MAJORITY</b> | <b>WTD AVG</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING    | 8-13 CENTS/LB.    |                 | 9.91           |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT |                 |                |
| FOB PLANT                | TOO FEW TO REPORT |                 |                |

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

## **WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-SEP 24, 2007**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

|          |         | <b>Northeast</b> | <b>No Cent</b> | <b>So Cent</b> | <b>So Atl</b> | <b>Pacific</b> | <b>5-Area</b> |
|----------|---------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jumbo    | Curr Wk | 6.2              | 20.3           | 8.4            | 12.2          | 11.2           | 58.3          |
|          | Change  | 0.4              | 0.7            | -1.0           | 2.2           | 0.0            | 4%            |
| Ex Lge   | Curr Wk | 20.3             | 43.3           | 14.2           | 24.3          | 35.2           | 137.3         |
|          | Change  | -0.8             | 5.9            | 1.4            | 0.1           | 3.7            | 8%            |
| Large    | Curr Wk | 33.1             | 108.4          | 75.0           | 111.9         | 125.5          | 453.9         |
|          | Change  | -2.2             | 21.8           | 0.3            | -0.2          | 22.3           | 10%           |
| Medium   | Curr Wk | 11.7             | 37.1           | 18.8           | 16.7          | 41.8           | 126.1         |
|          | Change  | 1.0              | -3.7           | -1.2           | 0.1           | -5.4           | -7%           |
| Small    | Curr Wk | 5.3              | 11.6           | 1.2            | 8.3           | 8.6            | 35.0          |
|          | Change  | 3.2              | 2.1            | -1.3           | -0.1          | 0.4            | 14%           |
| Misc     | Curr Wk | 2.7              | 21.0           | 9.1            | 13.9          | 6.6            | 53.3          |
|          | Change  | -0.7             | -2.3           | -0.9           | 0.9           | -0.2           | -6%           |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 13.0             | 55.7           | 16.8           | 21.5          | 24.8           | 131.8         |
|          | Change  | 1.3              | 13.0           | 4.1            | 5.3           | 3.3            | 26%           |
| Total    | Curr Wk | 92.3             | 297.4          | 143.5          | 208.8         | 253.7          | 995.7         |
| Percent  | Change  | 2%               | 14%            | 1%             | 4%            | 10%            | 8%            |

| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>Number of Cases</b> | <b>Percent Change</b> | <b>Number of Cooperators</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Shell Egg                | 995.7                  | 8%                    | 154                          |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 214.9                  | -3%                   | 33                           |
| Total Shell Egg          | 1210.6                 | 6%                    | 187                          |

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 154 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Northeast      | - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT |
| North Central  | - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI     |
| South Central  | - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX             |
| South Atlantic | - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV     |
| Pacific        | - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY         |

## **CANADIAN EGGS**

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF SEP 10, 2007

| <b>GRADE A</b> | <b>XLARGE</b> | <b>LARGE</b> | <b>MEDIUM</b> | <b>SMALL</b> |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                | 2.04          | 2.02         | 1.82          | 1.24         |

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF SEP 10, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

| <b>GRADE A</b> | <b>XLARGE</b> | <b>LARGE</b> | <b>MEDIUM</b> | <b>SMALL</b> |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                | 1.60          | 1.60         | 1.44          | .84          |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2007**

| CURRENT LOADS |        |        |       |        |        |     | 16.50 | FUTURE LOADS |        |        |     |     |     |        | 20.00 | TOTAL LOADS |  |  |  |  |  |  | 36.50 |
|---------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-----|-------|--------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------|
| SE            |        |        | NE    |        | MW     |     |       | SE           |        |        | NE  |     | MW  |        |       |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| CLASS         | ORG    | DST    | ORG   | DST    | ORG    | DST | LOADS | CLASS        | ORG    | DST    | ORG | DST | ORG | DST    | LOADS |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GNR W 1       | 98.50  | --     | 99.75 | 101.00 | --     | --  | 6.00  | GNR W 1      | --     | --     | --  | --  | --  | --     | 2.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GL W J        | --     | --     | --    | --     | 103.75 | --  | 1.00  | GL W J       | --     | --     | --  | --  | --  | 118.00 | 1.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GL W XL       | 105.00 | 107.00 | --    | 107.00 | 99.00  | --  | 8.25  | GL W XL      | 105.00 | 107.50 | --  | --  | --  | 110.67 | 5.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GL W LG       | --     | --     | --    | --     | 91.00  | --  | 2.00  | GL W LG      | --     | 96.75  | --  | --  | --  | 102.50 | 2.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GL W MD       | --     | --     | --    | --     | 71.75  | --  | 1.50  | GL W MD      | --     | --     | --  | --  | --  | 83.00  | 1.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GL W SM       | 57.43  | 60.57  | 58.00 | 60.50  | --     | --  | 2.75  |              |        |        |     |     |     |        |       |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| NRBS - 48     | --     | --     | --    | --     | --     | --  | 13.00 |              |        |        |     |     |     |        |       |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 17, 2007-SEPT 21, 2007**

| CURRENT LOADS |        |        | 74.25  |        | FUTURE LOADS |       |       | 69.50     |        | TOTAL LOADS |       |     | 143.75 |        |       |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|-------------|-------|-----|--------|--------|-------|
| SE            |        |        | NE     |        | MW           |       |       | SC        |        |             | NW    |     | SW     |        |       |
| CLASS         | ORG    | DST    | ORG    | DST    | ORG          | DST   | LOADS | CLASS     | ORG    | DST         | ORG   | DST | ORG    | DST    | LOADS |
| GNR W XL      | --     | --     | 107.50 | 108.50 | 101.00       | --    | 2.00  | GNR W 1   | --     | 110.00      | --    | --  | --     | --     | 7.00  |
| GNR W 1       | 99.17  | --     | 99.90  | 101.55 | --           | 96.00 | 21.00 | GNR BR 1  | --     | --          | --    | --  | 125.00 | 126.00 | 1.00  |
| GNR W 3       | --     | 78.00  | --     | --     | --           | --    | 1.00  | GL W J    | --     | 114.00      | --    | --  | --     | 118.00 | 2.00  |
| GNR BR 1      | --     | 118.00 | --     | --     | --           | --    | 2.00  | GL W XL   | 105.00 | 107.60      | --    | --  | --     | 111.72 | 9.00  |
| GL W J        | --     | --     | 117.00 | 118.75 | 103.75       | --    | 3.00  | GL W LG   | --     | 104.27      | --    | --  | --     | 103.10 | 10.00 |
| GL W XL       | 105.00 | 107.00 | 106.00 | 107.90 | 98.78        | --    | 26.75 | GL W MD   | 71.00  | 73.00       | --    | --  | --     | 80.29  | 6.00  |
| GL W LG       | --     | 105.00 | 103.50 | 105.00 | 91.22        | --    | 13.00 | GL BR LG  | --     | --          | --    | --  | --     | 124.00 | 1.00  |
| GL W MD       | 79.00  | 72.00  | 68.58  | 70.16  | 69.50        | 71.00 | 14.75 | NRBS - 48 | 80.00  | 81.00       | --    | --  | --     | --     | 4.00  |
| GL W SM       | 57.43  | 60.57  | 58.60  | 61.10  | 52.00        | 55.00 | 8.75  | NRBS - 39 | --     | --          | 74.00 | --  | --     | 80.00  | 1.00  |
| GL BR LG      | --     | --     | --     | --     | --           | --    | 1.00  |           |        |             |       |     |        |        |       |
| NRBS - 48     | --     | 82.00  | --     | 79.00  | --           | 82.67 | 58.00 |           |        |             |       |     |        |        |       |
| NRBS - 45     | 77.50  | 79.00  | --     | --     | --           | --    | 3.00  |           |        |             |       |     |        |        |       |
| NRBS - 42     | 62.50  | 64.00  | --     | --     | --           | --    | 3.00  |           |        |             |       |     |        |        |       |
| NRBS - 39     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --           | 49.00 | 1.00  |           |        |             |       |     |        |        |       |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - FROZEN EGGS**

(In Thousands)

| ON HAND       | 09/17/07 | 09/10/07 | 09/18/06 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 09       | 09       | 66       |
| LOS ANGELES   | 0        | 0        | 64       |

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS SEPT 24, 2007**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

| Brown Eggs       | CENTS/CARTON | MOSTLY    |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Extra Large doz. | 229 - 261    | 239 - 240 |
| 1/2 doz.         | 120 - 158    | 130 - 134 |
| Large doz.       | 224 - 250    | 225 - 230 |
| 1/2 doz.         | 115 - 149    | 125 - 128 |

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on extra large, steady on balance.

Supplies are available. Retail demand is mixed.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A,

WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 141.71 |
| LARGE       | 137.67 |
| MEDIUM      | 100.86 |
| SMALL       | 85.00  |

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